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LAUSANNE BREAKDOWN.

PRESS POST MORTEM.

NEWSPAPER OPINIONS DIVERGE.

LONDON, February 5.

Press opinions in regard to the causes of the breakdown at Lausanne are divided.

The Times, for example, attributes the Turkish refusal to sign the treaty to the report that France was prepared to enter into separate negotiations with Turkey.

The Daily Mail attributes the failure to the Allied delegates' refusal to recognise reasonable Turkish claims to the rights of a nation.

It is generally agreed that the breakdown does not involve war and it is suggested that if the Allies remain united, agreement may soon be reached but the danger of separate negotiations is recognised.

WHAT PARIS IS SAYING.

The newspapers generally regret that the Turks failed to sign an advantageous treaty, but do not regard the situation as alarming pointing out that at least a resumption of Turkish hostilities is now impossible while Allied unity is maintained permitting the hope of a resumption of conversations elsewhere.

Le Matin asserts that M. Bompard exceeded his instructions and gave Earl Curzon a pretext for a rupture on the subject of capitulations. The Journal says M. Bompard will not resume the conduct of negotiations.

LONDON, February 5.

Earl Curzon has arrived in London.

"NOT RUPTURED—MERELY SUSPENDED."

LAUSANNE, February 5.

The consensus of opinion here is that the conference has not been ruptured but merely suspended and the resumption of inter-Allied conversations is probable.

The Turks expect to leave on Wednesday. They assert that the rupture was not due to the question of capitulations as the French affirm but the refusal of the Turks to accept the stipulation of the Treaty recognising railway concessions granted to the French and Italians by the Constantinople Government.

M. POINCARÉ INTERVIEWED.

PARIS, February 5.

M. Poincaré, when interviewed, said it was necessary to elucidate the mysterious reasons of the Turkish volte face on the secondary question of capitulations. Good sense demanded a resumption of negotiations to prevent war. Contact between the Allies and Ankara must be maintained but the Allies must first decide on a common policy.

AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE BUSY.

LAUSANNE, February 5.

The American representative conferred successively with Ismet and the Italian delegate Signor Montana. He is hopeful of finding a formula which will enable the Turks to sign. The Italian delegate Signor Gasroni has postponed his departure.

TRANSPORT MINISTER'S MISSION.

PARIS, February 5.

The Minister of Transport and General Weygand have again gone to the Ruhr, the Minister's principal object being to help decide the basis of organisation and to co-ordinate rail and river transport for military purposes and the supply of coal to the civilians also to examine with the local French authorities the application of the new penalties which it is considered the resistance of Germany has rendered necessary.

NO DELAY NECESSARY NOW.

The Turkish acceptance of the capitulations clause was notified to M. Poincaré by M. Bompard after an interview with Ismet. The Turks maintain reservations on points like Mosul which the Allies accepted. M. Poincaré hastened to communicate the news to London. French official circles now see no reason why there should be any delay in signing the treaty. Ismet Pasha emphasised that if he went to Ankara the Mudanya armistice would prevent a resumption of hostilities during his absence.

OBITUARY.

MR. W. R. MALCOLM.

LONDON, February 5.

The death has occurred of Mr. W. R. Malcolm, senior partner of Condit's Bank and father-in-law of Major General Sir Neil Malcolm, General Officer Commanding the troops at Singapore.

LONDON EXCHANGE MARKET.

LONDON, February 5.

Foreign exchange at first sharply depressed on the failure at Lausanne but later partially recovered. The French franc closed at 73/90, the Belgian franc at 84/11, the lire at 50/54, the dollar nominally at 130.010/130.000 and sterling at 4/11.

The Stock Exchange was at first dull but quickly recovered.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/2 11/16.

To-day's opening rate 2/2 13/16.

RUHR OCCUPATION.

BADEN GOVERNMENT'S PROTEST.

BERLIN, February 5.

A message from Karlsruhe states that the Baden Government has appealed to the population strongly protesting against the French occupation and instructing the officials not to comply with any orders of the occupation authorities.

The Frankfurt Zeitung reports that French troops yesterday occupied the railway station at Goddelau cutting off railway communication between Frankfurt and Mannheim.

RECRUDESCENCE OF RESISTANCE.

PARIS, February 5.

A strike of miners in the Sarre region began this morning.

A message from Dueseldorf asserts that a tour of the Ruhr by Chancellor Cuno coincides with a recrudescence of resistance to officials particularly by the railwaymen who have resumed their tactics of partial strikes, notably at Coblenz.

TURKS REPORTED READY TO SIGN.

PARIS, February 6.

It is learned authoritatively that Ismet Pasha has now accepted the capitulations regime which is one of the points whereon the Lausanne conference broke down. It is reported from Lausanne that M. Bompard is convinced that the Turks are now prepared to sign the treaty either at Lausanne or elsewhere.

IRISH EXECUTION REPRISALS.

LONDON, February 5.

"Ballygassan House," the residence of Mr. Russell, sub-sheriff of Colunb, was burned down by armed men who described their action as a reprisal against executions by the Government of which Mr. Russell was an official.

DUBLIN, February 5.

In County Wicklow the residence of Colonel Eastace Maude, who is in Ceylon, was burned down by armed men in the morning. Mrs. Maude and the household looked on, covered by the rifles of the raiders.

U. S. IMMIGRATION.

STILL FEWER ALIENS.

WASHINGTON, February 5.

The House of Representatives Immigration Committee has approved of a new Bill further drastically reducing the number of aliens admissible by lowering the figure of each nationality from three to two per cent of the number already resident in the United States also taking the census of 1890 instead of that of 1910 as the basis. Immigration officials estimate that the total admitted yearly would be 168,000 instead of 385,000.

BIG SCORING.

VICTORIAN ELEVEN MAKES 1059 RUNS.

MELBOURNE, February 8.

The Victorian second eleven playing against Tasmania made 1059 of which Postford contributed 429. With the exception of Melbourne University's 1094 this is the highest innings total recorded either in first class or minor cricket.

BULGARIAN PREMIER BOMBED.

SOVIA, February 5.

A bomb aimed at Premier Stambuliski during a performance in the National Theatre exploded, but no one was injured.

LATER.

The bomb was thrown at the box where the Premier and other ministers were seated. His Majesty and the Royal Princesses were present at the theatre. There was no panic and the damage was very small.

M.C.C. IN SOUTH AFRICA.

JOHANNESBURG, February 5.

In fine weather before 2,500 spectators on a fast wicket Transvaal made 171, Catterall contributing 68. Macaulay took 4 for 20 and Fender 4 for 35. The M.C.C. made 148 for 1 Russell making 58 and Sandham 65 unfinished.

STATE GUARANTEE FOR DANISH BANK.

COPENHAGEN, February 5.

The Rigsdag has passed a Bill establishing a state guarantee for the Landmansk Bank.

ITALIAN PRINCESS betrothed.

ROME, February 5.

Princess Yolanda has become engaged to Count Orly of Bergamo, a cavalry captain who was wounded in the war.

COKE'S NEW TAKEN OVER.

LONDON, February 5.

Coke's Bank, with the approval of the Treasury and Anglo-Bank, has taken over Cox's Bank.

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PUBLIC AUCTIONS

INTIMATIONS

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN THE GOODS OF RAPHAEL AARON GUBBY late of Victoria Hongkong Exchange Broker deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897 (No. 2 of 1897) made an order limiting the time for sending in claims to or against the above estate to the 28th day of February 1923. Creditors and claimants are hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned by the above date.

Dated this 3rd day of February 1923.
DEACON HARSTON & SHENTON,
Proctors for the Executor
1 Des Voeux Road Central,
HONGKONG.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

INTERPORT GAME.

Hongkong v. Shanghai
Saturday, February 17th.
Club ground. Kick off at 4 p.m. sharp.
South China Athletic v. Shanghai
Monday, February 19th.
Club ground. Kick off at 4 p.m. sharp.
Admission to Stands:—Both games.
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Hongkong, February 1, 1923.

NOTICE.

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THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.
A. STEVENSON,
Manager.
Hongkong, February 2, 1923.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 24th February 1923, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1922.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from Monday 12th February to Saturday 24th February 1923 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of The Court of Directors,
A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 5, 1923.

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THE TWENTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, No. 6 Connaught Road, on SATURDAY the 10th of February, 1923, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Manager for the year ended 31st December 1922, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, the 1st February 1923 until Saturday, the 10th February, 1923, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, January 26, 1923.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 10th Feb. 1923, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1922.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 5th February to the 12th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, January 24, 1923.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings, on TUESDAY, 13th February, 1923, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1922.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 5th February to TUESDAY, 13th February both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.

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Hongkong, January 29, 1923.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 4A, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY, 13th February, 1923, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday, 29th January, to Tuesday, 13th February, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 13, 1923.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED, on THURSDAY, the 16th February, 1923, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of accounts to 31st December, 1922.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 8th to 16th February 1923, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED,
General Managers.
Hongkong, February 5, 1923.

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LAWN TENNIS STARS.

Mlle. LENGLEN AND MRS. MALLORY.

The lawn tennis season which has just begun in the Riviera promises to be one that will create the greatest interest in the two hemispheres, writes Stanley H. Donist in the Daily Mail. The reason is that both Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen, the world's woman champion, and Mrs. Mallory, champion of the United States, will be playing, and as there are at least six open tournaments there are possibilities of these two rivals meeting more than once. It will be remembered that in the United States in 1921 Mrs. Mallory put up such a forceful game that the Frenchwoman, who had only just arrived after a rough voyage could not make any defence, so the only set played went easily to Mrs. Mallory. Those who had not previously seen Suzanne Lenglen played were both disappointed and elated. Disappointed because they expected greater things from her racket, and elated because their own champion was the first player to lower Suzanne's colours.

But there were others who had seen the Frenchwoman play both in this country and in France. These latter declared to the Americans that, while admitting Mrs. Mallory's fine performance, Mlle. Lenglen was much below par.

This difference of opinion led to a world-wide controversy as to who was the better player. We in England held that there were two women, if not more, who could beat Mrs. Mallory, but who would not stand a chance against Mlle. Lenglen. On the other side of thinking was no other than W. T. Tilden who never was impressed with the Frenchwoman's play.

Mlle. LENGLEN EAGER.

All this controversy led to the spirit of acute rivalry between the two players themselves. Each was confident she could beat the other.

So nearly everyone was glad that these players won their way through to the final round at Wimbledon this year to settle the question.

The result was a triumph for Suzanne.

No woman player in the world, not even our Mrs. McKane, would have the slightest chance of winning more than three games in a set against the wonderful game that Mlle. Lenglen played on that day.

But Mrs. Mallory, like a true-born fighter, is not satisfied. So she has decided to tackle the Frenchwoman in her own stronghold—on the hard courts in the south of France. She will arrive early in February.

Mrs. Mallory will find just as eager an opponent in Suzanne Lenglen. We have it on the very highest authority (from one of the officials in the French Lawn Tennis Association) that Mlle. Lenglen said that she would enter in every tournament that Mrs. Mallory did, but she thought that they would not always meet because there were others, like Mrs. Beamish or Miss Ryan, who would most likely beat the U.S.A. player and thus prevent her from doing so.

When they did meet, however, she would again demonstrate that she could win as easily as she did at Wimbledon.

What Mrs. Mallory will say to this is not known, but one feels sure that she will fight all the harder to meet Mlle. Lenglen on every occasion; and it is safe to say that at those meetings there will not be a vacant seat and that there will be "electricity in the air," so keen is the rivalry.

PACIFIC ADVENTURE.

CHASED BY SHARK.

The "Islander," a five-ton ketch—so small a craft that it passes unnoticed among the many cutters around it—now lies at anchor in Suva harbour, after crossing the Pacific Ocean from California.

Its owner, Mr. Harry Pidgeon, has had an adventurous career. When interviewed by the Times Fiji correspondent last month in his small cabin on board the Islander, he was engaged in typewriting an account of his voyage for friends at home. After passing out of sight of the Los Angeles coast, he saw no sign of land for forty-two days. He felt, perhaps, a little lonely, he said, just after leaving land, but, once out on the open sea, was perfectly contented. He proceeded to the Marquesas, thence to Tahiti, the Society Islands, Samoa, and has now resorted to Fiji without mishap. He intends to occupy himself mainly in taking photographs among the islands, and hopes to publish an interesting description of his adventures. While in Samoa, Mr. Pidgeon received a hearty invitation to Australia.

His adventures since leaving Los Angeles have been many. Between the Marquesas and Tahiti his boat was becalmed. He thought a swim would while away the time. But when some twenty yards from the Islander, he heard a splash of water behind him and found that a shark was after him. He managed to clamber on board, and wounded the monster twice, but it dogged the boat's wake for two whole days, finally abandoning the chase through loss of blood.

When he was asked whether he had any difficulty in finding his way through the islands to Suva, Mr. Pidgeon produced from a drawer a small scale map—not more than 10 in. by 5 in.—which the Fiji Islands inset. "How can I go wrong with that?" he asked, with a smile.

courts in the south of France. She will arrive early in February.

Mrs. Mallory will find just as eager an opponent in Suzanne Lenglen. We have it on the very highest authority (from one of the officials in the French Lawn Tennis Association) that Mlle. Lenglen said that she would enter in every tournament that Mrs. Mallory did, but she thought that they would not always meet because there were others, like Mrs. Beamish or Miss Ryan, who would most likely beat the U.S.A. player and thus prevent her from doing so. When they did meet, however, she would again demonstrate that she could win as easily as she did at Wimbledon.

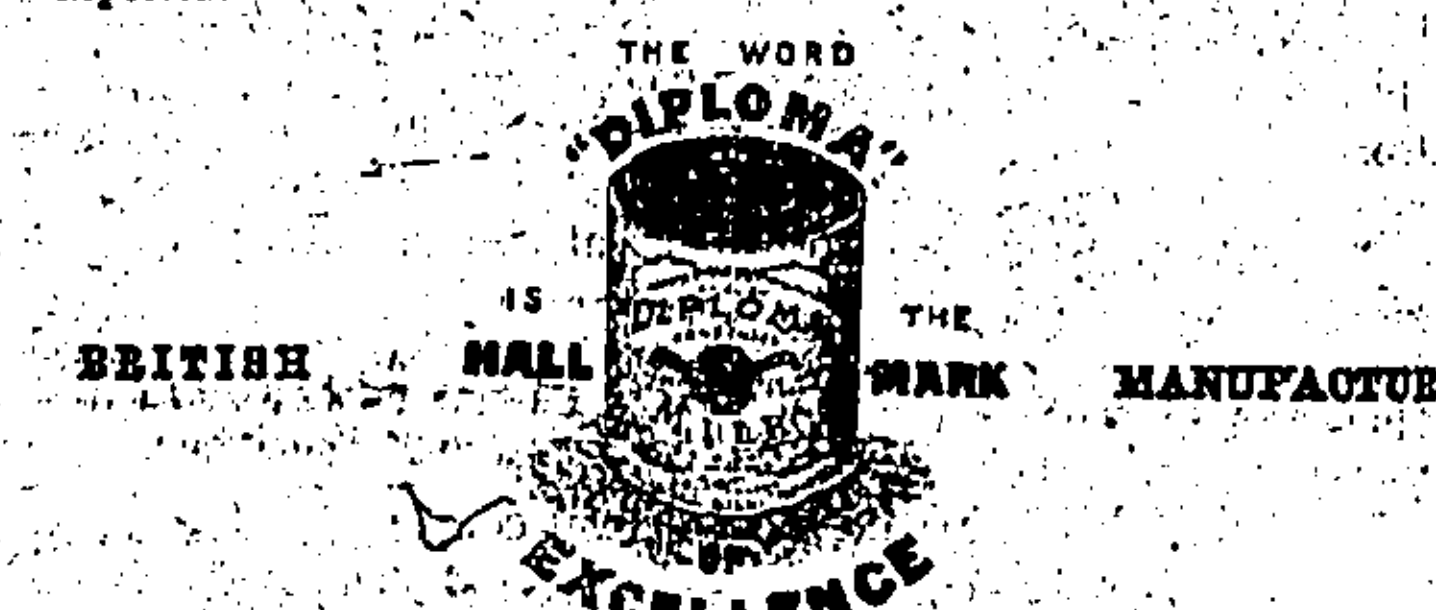
What Mrs. Mallory will say to this is not known, but one feels sure that she will fight all the harder to meet Mlle. Lenglen on every occasion; and it is safe to say that at those meetings there will not be a vacant seat and that there will be "electricity in the air," so keen is the rivalry.

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BIRTHS.

KENNEDY.—On January 29, 1923,
at Nanking, to Mr. and Mrs. J.
Kennedy, C. M. Customs, a
daughter, (Christina Marion).

FRIEDMAN.—On January 31, 1923,
at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. Max
Friedman a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

GABBOTT-FRANKLIN.—On
January 30, 1923, at Shanghai,
Oecil Parr Gabbott, of Leyton-
stone, London, to Ethel May
Franklin, of Ilford, Essex,
England.

DEATHS.

SCOTT.—On January 24, 1923, at
Richmond, Surrey, Mary Aileen
Scott, beloved sister of P. M.
Scott, Shanghai.

PERPETUS.—On January 31, 1923,
at Shanghai, Leopoldine Maria,
aged 49 years.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEB. 6, 1923.

WHEELS WITHIN WHEELS.

Yesterday's cables reported that France has not yet succeeded in balancing her 1923 budget. That news is important, because France's budget, through reparations, now consumes the whole world. The bill was first introduced in early October and was the subject of intermittent discussion for three months. When December 30 arrived with the problem still unsolved, the Chamber of Deputies was forced to vote a 4,000,000 franc provisional appropriation for January and February. Eventually the Chamber adopted the bill without balancing revenue and expenditure, but the

Senate Finance Commission has now rejected the measure, refusing to examine it until the deficit has been eliminated. The problem now facing the Chamber is extremely embarrassing. The ordinary budget shows 4,000,000,000 francs lacking and the reparations account 35,000,000,000 francs. How can these vast sums be found? Experts see only two ways—inflation or making Germany pay. The Finance Minister has made it clear that the Government absolutely refuses to adopt any policy of inflation because inflation means ruin. Moreover, he contends that blame for the whole deficit lies with Germany, the 4,000,000,000 francs deficit in current expenditure being due to interest and past expenditure on Germany's account for work in the devastated regions. Therefore it is plain that France sees her only alternative darning Germany without respite. But the Ruhr occupation has shown her that even the most drastic measures against the defaulter will never produce enough money to balance her budget; indeed, only last week M. Poincaré was warning the country that the returns from this costly venture would be comparatively small. Obviously France cannot delay passing her budget much longer and unless she can find other sources of revenue, her people must face a twenty per cent. general taxation increase. Having been elected on the promise to make Germany pay, the politicians realize that extra taxation would ruin their chances in the elections next year. They are therefore making frantic efforts to reduce expenditure until that twenty per cent. taxation increase has become avoidable. Already they have effected many big economies. The period of conscription has been reduced by half, 200,000 less men are on service than in 1913, rigorous cuts have been effected

in the public services, and the Government has undertaken to make further reductions in military expenditure. But still the yawning hole in the budget remains, and the Government is now flitting with the idea of another loan: 10,000,000,000 francs is than the 1921 loan short term, and lowest interest compatible with success. Even this does not provide the solution, because France has borrowed so heavily since 1914 that interest charges will soon swallow the State's whole income. Furthermore, even if the occupation of the Ruhr yielded every sou of Germany's current obligations, France's budget would still show a deficit of 18,000,000,000 francs! The detached observer can see only one solution—increased taxation. But this means the politicians must confess they have failed, must confess they have gulled the people into believing that Germany not only could but would pay. Rather than do this, they might follow any alternative, however desperate. They might perhaps, having already occupied the Ruhr, seize the first plausible pretext to take over the Rheinland, utterly oblivious to the certainty that this move would precipitate general disaster in Europe. That is why France's unbalanced budget concerns the whole world.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mrs. F. Bright, Miss C. Carr and Messrs. L. Collier, A. Pasquini, E. Karstom and J. Rothman arrived from Shanghai by the P. and O. s.s. "Nellie" this morning.

There will be a Musical at the Helena May Institute on Thursday February 8th, at 5.30 p.m. for Members and their friends. Tickets fifty cents each, should be obtained in advance from the Secretary.—Advt.

Prize Day at St. Stephen's College (Boys) will be Saturday, February 10th at 8 p.m. Mr. E. The Governor has kindly consented to distribute the prizes. Parents, Guardians, and Old Boys are specially invited to be present.

Mr. W. Somerset Maugham, the playwright and author of a recent book on China, is staying at the Oriental Hotel, Bangkok, and when the last mail left was down with malaria fever doubtless contracted when coming overland from Mandalay.

Among the passengers returning home on the "Delta" are Mr. and Mrs. Tedo Miles, better known as "Lena and Tedo," the popular entertainers. Mr. Miles is the son of Professor R. E. Miles A.R.A.M., who recently retired from his post as Bass Vicar Choral of St. Paul's Cathedral.

The new common practice of cigarette-smoking on the part of the youth of China is to be severely curbed in the Shanghai district. A proclamation has been issued by the Chief of the Shanghai and Wocung Constabulary forbidding smoking by young children, meaning those below 15 years of age.

In a service fittingly characterized by its solemnity and severity, the American community and the official representatives of the Powers in Shanghai gathered at the Union Church on January 30 to pay their last respects to the memory of Dr. Paul S. Reinisch, former U. S. Minister to China. In the audience were many personal friends of the deceased, both Chinese and foreign, also two former students, who are now in China because of the inspiration received in the class room under their former professor.

News has been received by telegram in Kobe of the death of Mr. C. Chikun of Meiji, Jardine, Matheson & Co., who with Mrs. Chikun and family was on his way home aboard the P. & O. s.s. "Kashgar." The deceased was 46 years of age. Some years ago he was stationed in Shanghai where he took a prominent part in the Brigade work and was also an enthusiastic rowing man. Latterly he had been stationed at Kobe and Yokohama. He is survived by a widow and two children.

BEWARE OF COLDS.

Children are much more likely to contract the common colds when they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever and pneumonia are diseases that are often contracted when the child has a cold. That is why all medical authorities say beware of colds. For the quick cure of colds you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

CHINESE CURIOS.

POTTERY AND PORCELAIN.

MR. H. W. KENT'S INTERESTING LECTURE.

An interesting lecture on "Collecting Chinese Pottery and Porcelain, and other Curios," was given by Mr. H. W. Kent to a large audience at the Helena May Institute yesterday afternoon. He spoke for over an hour, and was well applauded at the conclusion of his discourse on this absorbing topic. A fine collection of wares of the various dynasties was exhibited in the Hall by the lecturer for the instruction of his audience, and these were greatly admired.

Mr. Kent opened his lecture with the remark that he was a busy business man and up to the present he had not yet found any spare time for research work or independent study of this fascinating hobby. Later on, he said, when his active work was finished, he intended to explore some of the centres where the pottery industry had thrived.

In order to thoroughly understand and appreciate the art of China, he proceeded, knowledge of the history, religion, mythology, philosophy and customs of the people was essential.

The lecturer then proceeded to give some very useful advice to the curious collector.

"Collecting pottery and porcelain," he said, "is a hobby that requires training, knowledge and skill. You must train the eye and the mind, especially the eye, to distinguish between the genuine article and the 'fake.' Never lose an opportunity to study, and, if possible, handle a genuine piece. Visit the great British, American and Peking Museums, when possible, for they contain some of the finest pieces in existence of all the different periods. The chemists can analyse the glaze; that means mutilation and one cannot recommend you to put your treasure to the test by that means."

COLLECTORS OF CURIOS.

Proceeding to deal with the collectors of curios Mr. Kent said: "They were divided into several groups, those who merely desire to possess a thing because it is old irrespective of its artistic value; those who want to own a piece because it is rare and of enormous monetary value; others because they want a representative collection of some special periods or countries; and those who buy a thing simply because in their judgment it is beautiful and will bring them pleasure and the fact of its being either old or modern is of no importance. The two first named have no soul for the game and it is difficult to feel any interest in them or their possessions. Lord Esher tells the following story of Lord Kitchener in his book 'The Tangled Web of Lord Kitchener.'—On an occasion when a friend of Kitchener's had offered him some books for his library he said: 'Give me old bindings, the books don't matter.'"

That after all is a human tendency (shall I say mania) apt to grow upon all collectors of antiques. The incidents connected with the finding and the purchasing of the Curio I own, and the personalities of the men from whom I bought them, mean to me nearly as much as the articles themselves. Each article I possess has a history surrounding its acquisition. This one (pointing to his collection) was bought in Hongkong; that one in Shanghai; that one in Peking; those in Japan. This one I got as a bargain but that one I paid for through the nose. I will take it that you all belong to the two last named groups, and that you want to 'acquire' pieces within the scope of your means, which will afford you and your friends pleasure, and that you wish to try and learn how to avoid the risk, as far as possible, of having a 'forgery' antique which is a very grave risk even to veteran collectors. But to quote Mr. Hobson—"the existence of fakes adds to the zest and excitement of collecting and it would be a poor spirit which was entirely discouraged by the knowledge of danger." But more on the danger that beset one's path anon! There are countless treasures still to be unearthed by the excavators and there are a great many valuable pieces in the possession of well-to-do Chinese families. These occasionally become impoverished and have to dispose of their valuables. In such an event they will often prefer to sell to a foreigner, rather than to one of their own countrymen, at an enhanced price in order to avoid publicity and consequent loss of face. The Japanese, and there are several always on the look out in Peking and Shanghai, usually have an advantage over other foreigners owing to their knowledge of the language and their better understanding of the Chinese mentality.

CHINESE CURIOS.

Genuine pieces are not to be picked up nowadays at bargain prices outside the premises of a reputable dealer or private collector. Stolen articles are sometimes found in pawn shops or in the hands of 'touts.' You cannot go into Cat Street and expect to pick up a valuable antique for a mere song. You can find there colourable imitations, perhaps a good Towkyong piece here and there and very inferior Kangxi and Chienlung wares. There was, of course, a lot of rubbish manufactured in all the dynasties and some has survived to this day but from both an aesthetic and monetary point of view the value is practically nil. Good Ming and Manchu articles, of course, all pre-Ming wares, are so scarce in China nowadays that their value is too well-known, and the big dealer's agents who are on the watch all over the country snap them up soon as they appear for sale. I commend to the attention of collectors of limited means and small ambition the wares made in Towkyong's reign. They are plentiful, quite attractive and display skilful craftsmanship if lack of originality.

PSYCHOLOGY OF THE DEALER.

Speaking on this point, the lecturer said he desired to give a few hints as to how to deal with this class of individual.

You have got to go to Shanghai and Peking to meet what I might describe in Far East phraseology, the "pukker" Curio dealer, but there are a few in the South and one or two in Hongkong. He is an aesthete, an art lover, and a gentleman, with, however, a keen eye to the main chance. Get to know and get on to friendly terms with your dealer. Never tell him bluntly that you think his vase is not what he represents it to be. Convey your doubt by more subtle methods. Emphasise your own ignorance, and you can always say, without any risk of hurting the man's feelings, to be allowed to submit the article to a friend for his opinion. "Veneration for the antique is ingrained in the Chinese." A reputable dealer always has his "gems" hidden away from the rude gaze of the ignorant and his won't produce them until he knows that his prospective customer is a real lover of the game. Once gain his confidence and respect and impress him with your genuine anxiety to learn about and view the "real thing" and he will spend hours swapping yarns with you and expatiating on his treasures irrespective of whether you intend to buy or not. He squirms at the people who make fatuous remarks about curios: "sweetness," "prettiness," "quaintness," and so on. He watches to see if you handle it and show it homage in the manner characteristic of the true lover.

HOW TO BARGAIN.

Bargaining is the very life blood of the Chinese, perhaps the curio dealers in particular. You will learn from experience how to handle your dealers but have no hesitation in making a counter offer to the price you are first quoted. Take time to buy; never rush it. Offer to pay a price well below what you think the curio is worth to you and come up by easy stages as he comes down from his jolly heights! Patience must be your watchword. I have been two years bargaining for a piece! When a "pukker" dealer knows you are a genuine customer he will never sell a piece over your head, for one reason because he enjoys the bargaining game and also because he has a keen sense of fair play and is not a profiteer. If possible get permission to take the piece, you open negotiations for home before definitely making up your mind. Frequently you will find that it doesn't appeal to you in the same way in your own home as it did in the dealer's shop. Also always remember that both Chinese and Japanese curios (especially the latter) are often irresistible in their own environment but look tawdry and unattractive in our homelike atmosphere. That applies to decorated porcelains, paintings, metal works, stone carvings, embroideries, furniture, etc. You see that great discretion must be shown when buying and I strongly recommend that numerous class of curio hunters who desire merely to possess one or two attractive specimens of Chinese art to first visualize the surroundings the articles will probably have to live in at home. In the case of collectors who are bent on acquiring a fairly representative collection of Chinese art curios the foregoing remarks hardly apply because presumably they have the intention of furnishing a purely Chinese room in that wonderful dream home we all have in prospect after our work is done out here.

Don't buy a cracked or damaged piece you want for decorative purposes however great the temptation. The classic pieces, however, must be viewed from a totally different angle to the Ming and Manchu wares. Dealers are plentiful, persuasive orators and in reply to your protracted queries, "Is it damaged, or has a 'crack' in it?" (in English) he will say with an ingratiating smile and soft voice "A little 'crack' no belong spilling, and you will more likely than not find a crack and a fool for drawing attention to the blemish." In the life curio dealers' shops in both

LAND SALES.

YESTERDAY'S HIGH PRICES.

About three times the upset prices were offered at the Land Sales held at the P.W.D. offices yesterday when a big crowd of prospective purchasers responded briskly to Mr. Parker Rees, the Principal Land Surveyor, who acted as auctioneer.

New Kowloon Island Lot 430 at Cheung Sha Wan, comprising 47,625 square feet, annual Crown Rent \$218, upset price \$11,900, was the first lot offered. Bids rising by \$100 were given till \$31,200, when the lot was knocked down to Mr. Chan U-tung, 11 Mui Fong Street.

Another lot in the neighbourhood, 40,500 square feet in extent, with annual rental at \$181, was offered next, the upset price being \$10,125. Rising by \$100 the offers reached \$30,000 when smaller jokers brought the price to \$35,200, the buyer being the contractor, Mr. Li Ping of 85 Bonham Road.

Mr. A. G. Hewlett purchased Rural Building Lot 220 at Pokfulam for \$3,700. The upset price was \$1,420, annual Crown Rent \$30 and is 8,500 square feet in extent.

INTERPORT FOOTBALL.

TO-MORROW'S TRIAL GAME.

The following will represent the Navy in a game against the probable Interport team on the Club ground to-morrow:

Phillips (Titania) Adkins (Hawkins) and Farrell (Diomedes) Strick (Hawkins) Woodor (Titania) and Sawyer (Hawkins). Barkham (Hawkins), Darlington (Durban) Carr (Durban), Sells (Diomedes) and Weymes (Durban). Reserves, Emery (Titania) and Bickers (Hawkins).

The Interport team will have one change from the advertised eleven, Valentine (Club) coming in inside left position in place of Dr. Valentine (Police).

The game will start at 5 p.m., and will be for only 25 minutes each way. Admission will be free to all.

Booking for Interport and Chinese matches opened at Moutries yesterday, the number of reserved seats being limited, those who intend booking had better do so early to avoid disappointment.

H.E. the Governor has intimated his intention of being present.

SHOOTING.

RIFLE LEAGUE.

D.R.G. BEAT R.V.

This rifle league match was fired off at Taihang range on Sunday between the Dockyard R.C. and Royal Engineers. The Dockyard won by 93 points.

Score:—

	D.R.G.	R.V.
Mr. Brock	29	30
Mr. Pritchard	30	28
Mr. Mayer	30	28
Mr. McGowan	26	31
Mr. Cassidy	28	30
Mr. Lamerton	23	27
Mr. Nicholson	25	27
Mr. Gill	25	25

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	D.R.G.	R.V.
Mr. Newing	32	28
Mr. Redpath	29	30
Mr. Leabum	26	30
Mr. Best	26	29
Mr. Longbottom	22	20
Mr. Townsend	28	11
Mr. Cockell	23	13
Mr. Couzner	24	14

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China and Japan I have seen unwary tourists buying damaged goods at top prices only to discover their mistake when they want to show it off or wish to resell it.

TIERS REGARDING IMITATIONS.

Concluding his interesting lecture, Mr. Kent said: "I will give you a few more tips regarding imitations to wind up with. Factories in Honan are at present producing Han, Tang and Sung pottery. The most dangerous reproductions of the Ming and Manchu wares are the Japanese. They have made a specialty of Ming longjars. Kioto is full of this spurious ware which is clever enough to take in many experienced amateurs. The Japanese import the clay from China for the work. Marks are no reliable guide to genuineness. Either pottery or porcelain your best and only safeguard is experience and a well trained eye."

The Hon. Mr. J. B. Kemp proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, and this was carried with applause.

COMPANY REPORTS.

EWO COTTON MILLS.

At a meeting of the Consulting Committee of the Ewo Cotton Mills, Ltd., it was decided that the shareholders should be recommended to appropriate the balance at credit of profit and loss account at December 31, 1922, of Tls. 1,712,004.97, as follows:

	Tls.
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To write off furniture	1,725.88
To write off motor car	800.00
To add to special repairs and renewals fund	26,961.46
To add to Chinese superannuation fund	10,000.00
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The Report of the Directors of Hongkong Tramways Ltd. states:—The Directors submit herewith the audited statement of Accounts for the half year ended 31st December 1922, and also a Balance Sheet as at 1st July 1922, the date on which the whole of the tramway undertaking of the Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd. was acquired.

An Interim Dividend for 1922 of \$124.500 (58.40 cents per share) was paid in August last out of the profits for the half year ended 30th June 1922, received from the Hongkong Tramway Co. Ltd.

The profit for the half year ended 31st December 1922, amounts to

\$291,131.38

To which must be added the amount at credit of Profit and Loss A/c taken over from the Hongkong Tramway Co. Ltd. Interim Dividend

340,243.25

Making a balance of 631,374.63

Of this there has been transferred to General Reserve Account

81,793.59

There has been written off Goodwill in the item of Tramway Undertaking 22,000.00

And the Directors recommend the payment of a Final Dividend for the year 1922 of

291,131.38

Leaving to be carried forward \$235,887.25

The Starting Fixed Deposit of \$70,119 was sold in December at Exchange 2s. 4 1/2d. realising \$656,255.26, and the Special Loan of \$700,000 from the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was then repaid. The proceeds on realisation, \$70,545.74, has been added to Exchange Fluctuation Account from which the Purchase Account Adjustment has been written off.

The Contingent Liability Account and the Exchange Fluctuation Account have been combined in one Account as a General Reserve.

The retiring Directors are Mr. D. G. M. Bernard and the Hon. Sir C. P. Chater who are eligible and offer themselves for re-election.

The Auditors, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, offer themselves for re-election.

We learn of the return to the Colony of Mr. C. F. Mandham, M. I. Mech. E. M. Const. E., who recently arrived by the s.s. "Morea" to join Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Co., Ltd., as Senior Assistant Managing Director. Mr. Mandham was formerly for many years Superintendent Engineer of Compulphat Dock and has for eighteen years carried on the business of a Consulting Engineer in London. We extend a very cordial welcome to a former resident and wish Mr. Mandham every success in his new undertaking.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MEETING ON THURSDAY.

TWO NEW BILLS.

The second reading of the *Mut Tui* Bill will be taken at the meeting of the Legislative Council which is to be held on Thursday afternoon and two new bills will also be introduced.

MEDICAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE.

One of the new measures is a Bill to amend further the Medical Practitioners' Ordinance of 1914. The objects and reasons state:—

1. Sub section (3) of section 3 of the Medical Registration Ordinance 1884, as amended by section 3 of the Medical Registration Amendment Ordinance, 1914, has never yet been used. Clause 3 of the bill, therefore, proposes to repeal it.

2. Section 11 of the Medical Registration Ordinance 1884, should have been repealed by the Medical Registration Amendment Ordinance, 1914, as the whole question of the right to registration is dealt with in the section added to the principal Ordinance by section 5 of the amending Ordinance. Clause 3 therefore, proposes to repeal this unnecessary section.

3. Under the Ordinance of 1884, persons could be registered wherever their qualifications were required, and in any way on the standard set up by the General Council of Medical Education and Registration of the United Kingdom. The amending Ordinance of 1914, introduced the principle of accepting only those qualifications which would be recognised by the General Medical Council. The effect of clause 4 of the bill is to enable the Governor in Council to remove from the register any person who would not be qualified for registration now provided that such person shall not have been in continuous practice in the Colony for a period of three months at any time during the period of five years next preceding the publication in the *Gazette* of notice of proposal to make the order. Notice to be sent, if possible, to the person proposed to be affected.

MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE.
The other new Bill is entitled an Ordinance to amend the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Ordinance, 1921. The objects and reasons in this case state:—

By an oversight in drafting, the new section, introduced by Ordinance No. 3 of 1922 was made a section of that Ordinance instead of being inserted as an additional section of the principal Ordinance. The result is that it is doubtful whether a proclamation issued under that section would have the effect of extending the principal Ordinance to the possession referred to in the proclamation. This bill therefore makes the section in question an additional section of the principal Ordinance, and it repeals Ordinance No. 3 of 1922.

"ROMANCE."

AT THE CORONET.

Although it has been cynically observed that the worst of having a romance is that it leaves one's romantic most of us are ready to lend a willing ear to the tale of somebody else's adventures in the lists of love. Especially when the tale is so entrancingly beautiful as the story of "Romance," the film version of the famous play, in which local cinema goers have the opportunity of seeing Miss Doris Keane at the Coronet this week.

Miss Keane's part as La Cressida, the opera singer with whom the young clergyman falls in love, is naturally the dominating role and the singularly magnetic qualities of her fascinating personality are all the more intensified on the screen. Mr. Basil Sydney, as the susceptible young divine, is the perfect stage lover.

SMALL STEAMER PIRATED.

PASSENGERS KIDNAPPED FOR RANSOM.

A daring piracy on the "Yat Woe," a small steamer plying between Macao and Hongkong has been reported in a veracious paper. It is said that over seventy persons were taken away for ransom after the vessel had been twice looted.

About two hours after the ill-fated ship left Hongkong on January 29 she met a launch painted black, which on approaching fired a volley at her, several passengers being wounded. When the "Yat Woe" had stopped, a number of pirate boats came alongside and boarded the steamer with their confederates from the launch. While the loot was being removed ashore, a second party came and ransomed the ship again. The "Yat Woe" returned to Macao on Saturday last, the wounded men being sent to hospital. One of them died after admission.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.

CASTLE PEAK ROAD ACCIDENT.

CHAUFFEUR GIVES EVIDENCE.

The Criminal Sessions were continued before the Puisne Judge (Mr. H. J. Gompertz) in the Supreme Court this morning, when further evidence was heard in the manslaughter case in which the chauffeur of motor-car No. 79 is charged with having caused the death of the foreman of a road repairing gang at Chinwan, on the Castle Peak Road, on October 27, 1922, by knocking him down and running over him.

Sgt. Smith of the Traffic Department was the last witness called for the Crown. He deposed to visiting the scene of the accident and making some measurements which led him to estimate that the car was travelling at about 20 miles per hour when the accident occurred. The accused, Li Sing, in the witness box said that as he turned a bend into a straight stretch of the road, he saw a crowd of about ten Chinese in the middle of the road. Some were standing and others were squatting. He sounded his horn as he approached them. All the men with the exception of two moved to the side of the road. The other two remained where they were, one standing and the other squatting looking towards Castle Peak—that is, with his back to the car. The witness was driving on the left side of the road, at about 16 miles per hour. When he came near them, he sounded his horn again. The standing man moved to the side of the road but the other remained where he was. There was plenty of space between the man and the sea side of the road for the car to pass, so the witness carried on, thinking that the man had heard the horn and would not move. The man was on the right side of the road, the centre of the road, and there were two buckets of tar near him. As the car was about to pass the man, some of the other people called out to him, and picking up the two buckets of tar, the man tried to dash across the road in front of the car. The witness had no time to avoid him, but applied both his brakes immediately. The man was struck by the bumper of the car. The car hit him on the left leg just above the knee and he fell sideways towards the car and the side of his body hit the right mudguard. He did not fall under the car, and the witness did not see him dragged by the car. The car could not have been going more than 10 miles per hour when it hit the accused as the witness was able to pull the car up within six feet. Witness took the injured man in the car to the hospital. On the way he stopped and reported the accident at the Chinwan Police Station, and later he went up to the Central Police and reported there.

After Mr. Dyer Ball, Assistant Attorney General, had addressed the Jury reviewing the evidence of the witness for the Crown, and the accused's evidence, the Court adjourned for till.

DARING OPERATION.

BRIDGE AS THEATRE.

MID-OCEAN PERFORMANCE ON S. S. "TAIYUAN."

A daring yet successful operation was performed by a distinguished naval surgeon on one of the officers of the s.s. "Taiyuan," when in mid ocean. The bridge was transformed into an operating theatre says the *Sydney Sun* of December 29.

During the voyage from Hongkong to Sydney the officer became desperately ill, and the ship's surgeon, Dr. Taylor, on examining him, found the complaint so serious that he asked Dr. Babington, fleet surgeon at the China station, who was among the passengers, to join him in consultation.

The outcome was an operation. As the doctors sought freedom of movement, portion of the Taiyuan's spacious bridge was screened with canvas and transformed into an improvised operating theatre.

In spite of the rolling of the ship, the operation was successful, and the patient, when the vessel came to Sydney, had almost recovered.

BILLIARDS.

CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNEY.

Another game in connection with the above tourney was played at the V.R.C. last night, when R. F. Lusmo, M. I. Beltrac in the first round. It was a rather one-sided affair and resulted in a comfortable win for Lusmo by 500 to 286.

Lusmo scored double figures nearly every time he went to the table and ran away from his opponent right from the start. His best breaks were 30, 20, 20, and 20. Beltrac's best score was 25.

LAUSANNE BREAKDOWN.

OFFICIAL WIRELESS NEWS.

LORD CURZON'S STATEMENT.

The following British official wireless press messages received to day are published by courtesy of the *Daily Bulletin*—

LORD CURZON'S STATEMENT.

LEAFIELD, Feb. 6.
Lord Curzon and the whole of the British Delegation from the Lausanne Conference reached London this afternoon.

The Foreign Secretary was met at the station by Lord Cromer, representing the King, the Prime Minister, Duke of Devonshire, Lord Derby and many other members of the Cabinet, as well as several representatives of the Diplomatic Corps.

Lord Curzon proceeded at once to Buckingham Palace, where he had an audience of King George.

In the evening a Cabinet meeting was held. The Foreign Secretary said that the breakdown at Lausanne occurred mainly upon the question of capitulations. This is not a matter which affects only one or two countries. It affects every country which has a national in Turkey. As the future of Turkey must depend very largely upon establishing the confidence of foreign business units and upon receiving outside assistance in the matter of sorely needed reconstruction, it would certainly appear that the Turkish delegation had jeopardised the future welfare of their countrymen by maintaining so stubbornly that the Allied proposals affected Turkish sovereignty.

Apart from the humanitarian considerations involved in judicial guarantees, the London financial Press points out that not enough confidence is yet felt by business men in Turkish ideas and administration of commercial law to encourage them to take the risks involved in trading with Turkey.

TURKS AND FOREIGNERS.

LEAFIELD, Feb. 6.

Commenting on the situation, the *Evening Standard* says Great Britain and the Allies had already agreed to the abolition of the old capitulations and to the substitution of arrangements of somewhat doubtful value. On Saturday they went even further in the direction of reducing the protection of their citizens against the caprice or aggression of the Turkish magistrates and officials, but all to no purpose. The Turks declined as an insult to their nationality anything short of practically complete authority over foreigners in the Ottoman dominion. They object to anything of the nature of a special region for European nationals. It is not thinkable that with Turkish law and administration in its present state civilized Powers can consent to leave the personal safety and civil rights of their citizens wholly to the discretion of Turkish magistrates. On the other hand, there is every reason that, as in case of Japan, a promise of treaty revision should be given contingent on the reform within a reasonable period of the Turkish judicial and administrative system.

ANOTHER BANNED PERFORMANCE.

STREET CIRCUS PROSECUTED.

Two Northern Chinese appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning charged with giving a show in Wyndham Street and thereby causing an obstruction. The wording of the charge was that they gave their show in a narrow and crowded thoroughfare. The defendants were of the mendicant class that usually migrate South from the Northern provinces to escape the severe winter, earning their living on the way by giving these performances and reaching Hongkong just before China New Year. A sheep, dog and monkey are invariably included in their entertainments.

Mr. Lindsell discharged them, at the same time telling them to restrict their shows to open spaces. Thanking his Worship profusely they promised to carry out these instructions.

HONGKONG'S HEALTH.

During the week ended February 5, eleven cases of infectious diseases were reported. This total was made up of two British, one Indian and two Chinese cases of diphtheria, two British, one Chinese and one American imported case of enteric fever, one Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever and one Chinese case of influenza. There were in all five deaths notified.

One fresh Chinese case of diphtheria was reported yesterday.

THEFT OR LOAN?

SHIP'S OFFICER IN POLICE COURT.

Replying to a charge of having stolen \$100 in bank notes and one brown overcoat from the cabin of Mr. A. Allen, the third officer of the s.s. "Hailong," Reginald Radcliffe, who claimed to have been a second officer of the same ship, pleaded "Not Guilty" before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, telling his Worship that he considered the article a loan from Sandy Allen, his old friend.

Defendant added that on the night in question, he and Sandy Allen had got outside a bottle and a half of whisky. He had treated Sandy well in Singapore and his action came as the biggest surprise of his life. His friend entreated him that as his (Radcliffe's) luggage was low, he might require assistance. This offer he accepted and suggested an I.O.U. in return, but defendant said he did not want one. Consequently, said defendant, he could not make out the case of the accusation nor why his friend should have regretted his sudden generosity. He had never been in the hands of the Police before.

When arrested, defendant was wearing the overcoat and had \$69.48 in his possession.

Inspector Purdon who had charge of the case, told his Worship that complainant's ship would not return until Sunday.

The case was adjourned until February 12 at noon, bail being allowed in two capacities of \$250 each.

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JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

THE Qualifying Round played on SUNDAY, 4th February, resulted in the following playlets being entitled to play off by match play.

The result of the draw is as follows:—

9.45 a.m. L. Nelson	v.	A. H. L. Savage
9.52 " F. Taylor	v.	G. W. Swall
9.56 " H. E. Parkinson	v.	R. M. Henderson
10.00 " R. E. Le Fleming	v.	H. E. Hollands
10.04 " G. B. Layton	v.	C. B. Riggs
10.08 " C. D. Lambert	v.	E. L. Moncrieff
10.12 " D. J. Cuthill	v.	C. C. Stark
10.16 " E. D. Black	v.	F. A. Dinsdale
10.20 " A. G. M. Fletcher	v.	E. W. Bean
10.24 " C. W. Beckwith	v.	F. J. Koch
10.28 " C. J. Cooper	v.	T. Ramsey
10.32 " D. Templeton	v.	S. S. Church
10.36 " K. S. Morrison	v.	J. B. Lloyd
10.40 " A. Lissman	v.	A. Morrison
10.44 " J. B. Eales	v.	P. P. J. Wodehouse
10.48 " H. G. Eales	v.	A. E. Henderson

1st and 2nd Round will be played off on the Main Course, Fanning, on SUNDAY Next, 11th February.

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Hongkong, February 6, 1923.

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Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading in exchange for Delivery Orders immediately.

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The B. F. s.s. "Antelope" left Liver-

pool on Jan. 6 for Hongkong, Shanghai,

Kobe and Yokohama and is due here on

or about February 5.

The N. Y. K. s.s. "Genoa Maru" (Liver-

pool Line) left Singapore for Hongkong

on Feb. 1 and is expected here on Feb. 2.

The N. Y. K. s.s. "Bangkok Maru" (Bom-

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on Feb. 4 and is expected here on Feb. 5.

The O.P.S. s.s. "Empress of Canada" Capt. A. J. Hatley, R.N.R.

Commander, will leave here for Victoria

and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai

(Wassong), Kobayashi, Yokohama at noon

on Feb. 10.

The P. & O. s.s. "Rashmir" left

Singapore for this port on Monday Jan.

20 at 10.30 a.m. with the outward, Ex-

press Mail, and is due here on Saturday

Feb. 10 at about noon.

The P. M. s.s. "President Cleveland"

sails for San Francisco via Shang-

hai, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu on

Jan. 13 and arrives at San Francisco on

Feb. 12.

The O.P.S. s.s. "Empress of Asia"

arrived at Yokohama on Feb. 1 at

9 a.m. left Yokohama on Feb. 3 at noon

and is due at Vancouver on Feb. 12.

The B. L. s.s. "City of Rome" left

Suez on Jan. 18 and is due to arrive at

Hongkong on Feb. 13.

The N. Y. K. s.s. "Tango Maru" (Aus-

tralian Line) left Sydney for Hongkong

via ports on Jan. 18 and is expected here

on Feb. 14.

The N. Y. K. s.s. "Bangkok Maru"

(Liverpool Line) left Bombay for Hong-

kong on Jan. 29 and is expected here on

Feb. 15.

The Dodwell Castle Line s.s. "Bolton

Castle" which left New York on Dec. 18

left Honolulu on Jan. 13 via Manila and

is expected here on Feb. 15.

The B. F. s.s. "Agamemnon" left

Liverpool on Jan. 13 for Penang, Port

Swettenham, Singapore, Hongkong, Shang-

hai, Kobe and Yokohama and is

due here on or about Feb. 21.

The P. M. s.s. "President Pierce"

leaves Hongkong for San Francisco via

Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu

on Jan. 31 and arrives at San Francisco

on Feb. 22.

The B. F. s.s. "Baryates" left Liver-

pool on Jan. 20 for Penang, Port Swet-

tenham, Singapore, Hongkong, Shang-

hai, Kobe, Yokohama and is due here on

or about March 2.

The P. M. s.s. "President Wilson"

called from San Francisco on Jan. 11 with

the full complement of passengers and cargo.

She is due here to-morrow and sails

for Manila on Feb. 7 arriving at that port

on Feb. 7. She leaves Hongkong for San

Francisco via Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama

and Honolulu, on Feb. 14 and

arrives San Francisco on Mar. 8.

The B. F. s.s. "Dacotah" left Liver-

pool on Jan. 27 for Penang, Port Swet-

tenham, Singapore, Hongkong, Kobe

and Yokohama and is due here on or

about Mar. 10.

The Dodwell Castle Line s.s. "Mun-

caster Castle" which left New York on

Jan. 11 via ports is expected in Hong-

kong on March 17.

The B. F. s.s. "Hallerophon" left New

York on Jan. 31 for Suez, Straits, Philip-

pines and Hongkong and is due here on

or about Mar. 27.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

Cargo ex s.s. "Hannawa" not cleared

after to-day will be subject to rent.

Agents—Arnold Bros.

Cargo ex the m.s. "Havelland" not

cleared after to-morrow will be subject to

rent. Agents—Arnold Bros.

Cargo ex the s.s. "Pawist" not cleared

after Feb. 8 will be subject to rent.

Damaged goods will be examined at

11 a.m., on Feb. 7. Agents—Arnold

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ing undelivered after January 12 will be

subject to rent. Agents—Gibbs, Living-

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BOOKS.

OLD DIPLOMACY AND NEW.

"Old Diplomacy and New—From Salisbury to Lloyd George." By A. L. Kennedy, M.C., John Murray.

"There is no subject on which we are so misinformed as our foreign policy. It is of primary importance; upon our foreign policy the safety as well as the glory of this country as a great Empire depends."

When Disraeli first uttered these words our foreign policy was comparatively simple. Primarily confined to Europe, it mostly concerned only half a dozen powers, the smaller nations being treated as little more than pawns.

The forty years following the 1878 Berlin Congress, the last great achievement of the old diplomacy, saw sweeping changes under the influence of economic competition. The fierce struggle for supremacy, with the intensive development of modern finance, industry and commerce, revolutionized diplomacy, bringing the whole world under its purview.

Other factors were the exploitation of China, the rise of Japan and the aggression of Russia. Thus, long before the 1914 catastrophe, Britain's foreign policy now concerned equally with distant Afghanistan as with nearly Belgium, had become vastly more elaborate, vastly more intricate. Consequently, the average man's knowledge of his country's foreign policy became hazier and still hazier, until to-day Disraeli's remark is truer than ever.

Therefore, since everyone will admit the author's claim that there is no greater force in the world's politics than British public opinion, Mr. A. L. Kennedy has performed a notable service not only to his own country but to the whole world, in setting down the plain facts about our foreign policy. Quoting the words of his preface, the general public seems hardly to consider the vital importance to its daily life of Foreign Affairs.

Unskilled conduct of our foreign policy—not merely at moments of crisis, but from month to month—may bring ultimate unavoidable disaster; its skillful conduct brings respect, prosperity and peace.

Mr. Kennedy describes his book as an attempt to study the personal methods of those, who in recent years, have directed the foreign policy of Britain; and to place in perspective before the general reader some of the chief events of that policy since the period when most history ends. The first 280 pages he devotes to an analysis of our foreign policy from the time of Disraeli to the outbreak of war; the remaining 120 to our foreign policy from 1914 to the Washington conference.

Without knowledge of the forces which have moulded our foreign policy during these eventful years, the general reader cannot hope to grasp the full import of the changes now taking place in Europe. In Mr. Kennedy's book he will find these forces adequately described and carefully analysed. Clear and studiously impartial, "Old Diplomacy and New" is a book every Briton should read. The results would be almost magical.

"Giving and Receiving." By E. V. Lucas, Methuen & Co., Ltd.

Looking out of a train window, E. V. Lucas catches sight of an inn called "The Safety Valve." The novelty of the name sets him reflecting on signboards generally and, in particular, their decay as an index to current events. Quickly his whimsical mind explores the subject, with the result that shortly afterwards he pens a charming essay that might have been written by Charles Lamb himself. Or he sees a grey horse and immediately the sight suggests a bull fight he has once witnessed in Spain.

Follows another delightful essay, this one vivid with the brilliant colours of the King, loud with the music, the cheering, and the roar of good beasts—tied with the neck of blood. Very soon Mr. Lucas's fertile brain has spun its magic with thirty or more varied themes and his ever growing public is delighted with another collection of essays, appreciations, stories and fantasies. Reprinted, mostly with alterations, from the best London periodicals, the latest volume "Giving and

Receiving," easily makes one of his best. Having said that, it is superfluous to enlarge upon the contents. Admirers of Mr. Lucas—and their name is legion—would little thank us for anticipating their pleasure; those who do not admire him really do not count.

"Tales of Long Ago." By Conan Doyle, John Murray.

This volume belongs to Mr. Conan Doyle's series containing the short stories—apart from those relating the adventures of Sherlock Holmes—selected by him from the books in which they originally appeared. Some hitherto unpublished stories are also included. The "Tales of Long Ago" mostly weave romance round the days when Rome still ruled Britain, its legions tramping along the great highways and its galleys ploughing the seas. Simple and direct, these stories make very refreshing reading after the complex tales of modern life which form the usual fare these days.

Intensely human, they bring the reader into intimate touch with a long past age, its loves and its hates, its triumphs and its failures. These tales are, of course, very well written—Mr. Conan Doyle's mastery of the short story has long won him fame.

"The Great House." By Stanley J. Weyman, John Murray.

Mr. Weyman's famous works, published separately at various times, have now been issued in a uniform, author's complete edition, arranged chronologically. Volume twenty-one, "The Great House," completes the series. Printed on thin paper and neatly bound, the new edition makes a very pleasing set, handy for the pocket, attractive for the bookshelf. Mr. Weyman is indeed fortunate in his publisher. Though this is not more than he deserves.

OUR FINANCES.

THURSDAY'S COUNCIL MINUTES.

"The following financial recommendations by H.E. the Governor are to be considered by the Finance Committee following Thursday's meeting of the Legislative Council:

\$4,600 on account of Miscellaneous Services, Erection of a motor car shelter at Kowloon Point.

\$16,500 on account of Fire Brigade, Other Charges, Rent of Temporary Fire Station.

\$211 on account of Supreme Court, Other Charges, Purchase of a typewriter.

STOLEN CLOTH.

GODOWN THEFT PROSECUTION.

Chan On, Wan Yau, Tso Pak, Wong Pak and Tung Ming were brought before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Magistracy this morning in connection with the theft of a quantity of cloth from a shop in Jervois Street.

Mr. W. B. Hind informed his Worship that he was instructed by the complainants but had not yet applied to the Police for permission to prosecute.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared on behalf of the second, third and fifth defendants and Mr. Leo d'Almeida e Castro was for the fourth defendant.

Mr. A. E. Hall watched the case on behalf of certain interested parties.

Det. Sergeant Rozesky told the Magistrate that seven bales containing 400 rolls in all, were taken. Each roll was valued at ninety cents.

First defendant was charged with breaking open the godown, the second and third who were found with receiving a small portion of the goods and the other two with receiving the balance.

Several hundred rolls have already been recovered by the Police.

On the application of Mr. d'Almeida, bail was allowed the second and third defendants in the sum of \$50 each while the fourth and fifth were fixed at \$5,000 each.

The first defendant was not allowed bail.

His Worship ordered the case to be put over till Saturday when a day next week would be fixed.

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FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY'S GAMES.

SHIELD COMPETITION SECOND ROUND.

POLICE v. R.G.A.

This game was played on South China ground and resulted in an easy win for the Gunners by 6 goals to 1. The Police missed the services of Clark, and McLaren who deputised at right back was off the field the best part of the second half.

Referee: Mr. Perryman.

HAWKINS v. DURBAN.

The Durban secured an unexpected victory over the Hawkins on Saturday, scoring three times the Hawkins replying once. In the first minute of the game Darlington had put the Durban one up. A few minutes later Hawkins equalised from a penalty against King for jumping.

Miller for the Durban was playing a fine game and several of his centres went begging. Durban were doing all the pressing and a foul against Moss in the penalty area saw Darlington make no mistake from the spot kick.

Half-time score: Durban, 2; Hawkins, 1.

In the second half the Durban were the first to attack and after about ten minutes play Miller put them further ahead. From now onward the Hawkins had the best of the play but weak shooting was cause of their not scoring and they had to retire admittedly beaten by a better team.

Referee: Mr. Collins.

KING'S v. SOUTH CHINA.

Played at Sookumpoo and a rare fight resulted in a draw of one goal all after extra time had been played.

In the first half there was no score although the Chinese had a good clearance of taking the lead from a bad clearance by Blanco but Chan Ho who was playing inside left headed over.

In the second half play was very even each goal being visited in turn. Dyer was responsible for the King's goal from a nicely placed pass by Jones. A few minutes later Newton was responsible for the Chinese goal for in attempting to clear a screw ball he put the ball into his own goal.

Both sides now strove hard to get the winning goal, but as stated—the game ended in a draw. There were about 7 thousand spectators, and the hillside and trees overlooking the ground were covered with Chinese.

Referee: Mr. Smith.

AMBEROSE v. KOWLOON.

Played on Navy "B" ground the game resulting in a win for the Kowloon team by the only goal scored in the match. Play was fairly even in the first half both ends being visited, but the Kowloon forward line were more dangerous in front of goal and Coysh had many anxious moments.

Scully was responsible for the Kowloon goal for by a good movement he worked his way down and then passed in to Hall. The latter shot and Coysh just managed to push it away and Clemo running up sent into the net.

In the second half play was almost entirely confined to the Kowloon half but try as they could the Sailors could not score and they had to retire defeated by 1 goal to none.

Referee: Mr. Wright.

JUNIOR COMPETITION.

KING'S v. ST. JOSEPH'S.

Played on the Sookumpoo ground and resulted in an easy win for the King's by 3 goals to 1.

R.G.A. v. MARAZION.

Played on the Club ground and a very even game ended in the Gunners winning by the odd goal in five.

HAWKINS v. TITANIA.

A very fast game was seen between these teams on Navy "A" ground the Flaggship eventually winning by 2 goals to 1.

SOUTH CHINA "B" v. KOWLOON.

Played on the Chinese ground the home team winning by 3 goals to none.

GILBERT AND SULLIVAN COMPANY.

"THE GONDOLIERS."

Hongkong's musical taste in the mass, it seems, is not for Godowsky but for Gilbert and Sullivan. The box plans at Moutrie's for the J. C. Williamson, Ltd., Company's season, at any rate, are filling very rapidly and the artistes should not have to complain of idleness so far as they are concerned.

The audience would indeed be apathetic which could refrain from appreciating the beautiful maze of music, the quaint old-world, shabby-genteel merriment and the bubbling humour which is found in "The Gondoliers" with which the Company opens its performance at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night.

MISS BYRL WALKLEY.

Miss Byrl Walkley, who plays the part of Tessa in "The Gondoliers," is a clever young artist who sings and dances with exceptional ability. In "The Yeomen of the Guard" she plays Phoebe Meryll (the Sergeant's daughter) and in "Katinka" the new American musical comedy, she gives a lively performance as Mrs. Hopper.

RECORD ARMS SEIZURE.

FOUND IN SHRIMP BARRELS.

Eighteen barrels described in the import permit as shrimps for fertiliser were seized yesterday by Revenue Officer Lanigan and were found to contain a small arsenal.

The shipment arrived by the "President Jackson" and was to be landed into the Kowloon Godowns pending movement by the consignees.

When checked at the Central Police Station, the contents were enumerated as follows, 10 machine-guns, 250 Smith Wesson revolvers, 170 Mauser pistols, complete, and approximately 52,000 rounds of ammunition.

This constitutes one of the biggest arms seizures for years. It is stated that the names of two local firms appear on the barrels as consignees. No arrests have been made yet.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. KOWLOON C.C.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club in a League match v. Kowloon C.C. at Kowloon, on Saturday next the 10th, at 2.15 p.m. sharp—T. E. Pearce (capt.), H. Owen, Hughes, L. J. Davies, R. H. Wild, E. Phillipson, G. A. Chadwick, G. H. Percy, F. H. Farthing, F. N. Young, D. L. G. Nicholson and J. D. Humphreys.

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI. v. KOWLOON 2nd XI.

The following will represent the H.K.C.C. 2nd XI. in a friendly match v. Kowloon 2nd XI. on the Club ground on Saturday next, the 10th at 2.15 p.m. sharp—H. B. Hollander, L. D. McNicoll, F. C. Miller, J. D. Crawford, H. W. Roger, A. L. Gace, W. Galloway, F. Ernie Thomson, M. M. Watson, J. R. Way and H. Spicer.

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ARMED ROBBERS.

POSING AS ELECTRIC COMPANY EMPLOYEES.

Pretending that they were employees of the Electric Co., sent to fix some lights, two men yesterday gained admission into a Samakpoo house yesterday morning.

Informing by an aman that there was no ladder in the flat they said they would bring one themselves. They returned with three other men, a revolver and daggers were used to subdue the inmates who were then bound.

Twenty-seven articles of jewellery and money (the total value of \$7,370.00) were stolen.

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EX-ROYAL MARINES.

NEW ASSOCIATION FORMED.

A local branch of the Royal Marines Old Comrades Association is being formed and ex-Royal Marines who wish to join it are invited by an advertisement published to day to communicate with the hon secretary, Mr. C. E. Frith, c/o the Sanitary Department.

H.E. the Governor and H.E. the Commander-in-Chief are to be patrons of the Association and the Fleet Royal Marine Officer (Major and Brevet Lt. Col. R. H. Darwall C.B.E., D.S.O., R.M.L.L.) is to be President.

As set out in the rules, which are similar to those of the parent body at Home, the object of the new organisation is "to provide a meeting place for ex-Royal Marines for social intercourse, and in other ways to help one another; also to effect an Annual Reunion and to provide a monthly copy of the Corps Journal for each member. The entrance fee is to be \$1 and the subscription \$5 per annum; all ex-Royal Marines are eligible.

Steps are to be taken to form a local labour exchange and members will be asked to notify the hon. secretary when they hear of any vacancy which is likely to suit an ex-Royal Marine.

The Committee for 1923 is as follows—

Capt. A. N. Williams, R.M.L.L. (H.M.S. "Tamar") (Chairman) and Police Inspector Garrod, Chief Warder West. Revenue Officer Grimmett, Police Inspector Kent and Mr P. Hawthorne.

THE BISHOP OF MACAO.

REMAINS MOVED TO THE AZORES.

The remains of the late Bishop of Macao Don Jose Paulino d'Azavedo e Castro, who died at Macao five years ago, were brought from Macao yesterday and placed on the French mail boat to be taken to the Azores where the late Bishop's family resides. The remains will be eventually interred in Lagos (Fico) Island, in the Azores group.

The late Bishop did a lot of good work in Macao and was much loved by the people of the Portuguese Colony; as well as the Portuguese community of Hongkong, who looked upon him as a good friend. He built the fine Church at Singapore for the Portuguese Mission, and had spent the whole of his life working for the Catholic Church in the Far East.

CORRESPONDENCE.

GREENFIELD BANKRUPTCY.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir, With reference to the report in your recent issue concerning the statements made by Mr. Greenfield at his public examination in bankruptcy, wherein he is reported as having stated that I was indebted to him and further that I verbally agreed to sell him 20,000 China Provident shares in the early part of June 1922, I wish to state that in June 1922 I was under no obligation of any sort to Mr. Greenfield and further deny that then or at any time I approached him with a view to selling him 20,000 China Provident shares. It was not until the end of June 1922 that I knew Mr. Greenfield was selling China Provident shares and I then wrote and earned him of the danger of doing so. It is quite true that in the past I have had money transactions with Mr. Greenfield but all obligations by me to him were finally and fully settled between us in November 1921 of which fact I have ample written proof.

Yours, etc.,

H. H. TAYLOR.

Hongkong, February 6, 1923.

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FOUNTAIN PEN

WHO INVENTED IT?

Mr. William Le Quesx writes to the Daily Telegraph:—In connection with the commendable proposal to hold an exhibition of historic and famous pens, serious effort should be made to discover the inventor of the fountain pen. According to the Encyclopaedia Britannica, portable fountain inkhorns, or fountain pens are heard of as far back as the beginning of the sixteenth century, but according to this authority, it was not till the end of the century that inventors like Bimham seriously applied themselves to the construction of such writing instruments.

Recently, however, evidence has come into my possession that the fountain pen was already a commonplace possession in the middle of the eighteenth century. An old copy

of The Country Housewife's Family Companion, published in 1750 contains within its covers a contemporary trade card of a Stratford-on-Avon publisher, naming among other articles on sale "fountain pens." A Dictionary of Arts and Sciences, issued in 1754, gives a detailed description with illustrations of a fountain pen made of silver or brass. It is thus established that the fountain pen was in being and on sale at least 170 years ago.

Can any of your readers furnish particulars of earlier use than this, which might lead to the identification of the actual inventor of what is generally regarded as a modern "boon and blessing to man?"

Committee has reported on the emancipation of the Punjab and the North West Provinces of India; the above British and three Indian Members have expressed their sympathy with the two Hindu members favouring it.

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CANTON NEWS

YUNNAN LEADER'S POLICY.

LOYALTY TO SUN.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, Feb. 6.

Yesterday evening Canton's vernacular press representatives were entertained to dinner at the Eastern Hotel by General Yeung Hsi-man, Commander-in-Chief of the Yunnan troops in Canton. The General was indisposed and two members of his staff presided. After an apology had been given to the guests for Yeung's absence, the staff officers spoke about his policy. It was mentioned that Yeung came to Canton with the sole object of "upholding the constitution." There was never any question of a breach with "President" Sun as he always took and would still take orders from him. Now that the rebels had been expelled, his immediate task was to ensure the peace of Canton. Details were then given of the patrole and measures for discipline. Yeung's representative stated on his behalf that he would strictly abstain from interfering with politics and civil administration. As to General Ngai, Yeung had received cable instructions from Dr. Sun, requesting his release and Yeung had repeatedly seen Shun Hung-jing about the matter.

None of the pressmen present wished to be the spokesman on account of the responsibility involved. At length, one of them got up and congratulated the Yunnanese contingent on its orderly behaviour since its entry into Canton, for which they tendered the thanks of the community. Subsequently another speaker referred to the openly-conducted gambling saloons run under military connivance. Stress was laid on the forcible ejection of tenants from business premises for conversion into temporary gambling saloons. Yeung's representatives were asked to bring the matter to his attention and to secure redress. The staff-officers promised on behalf of the General to inquire into the evil.

ON THE EAST RIVER.

Although fighting on the East River has ceased, troops are still on the move and it seems as if preparations are being carried out in anticipation of further outbreaks. It is reported that Lan Tsun-wan is enlisting the aid of the various "People's Army" detachments in the neighbourhood.

The Kwang-Yunnan troops are returning the arms and equipment taken from the Police when the latter were disarmed.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The result of the draw in connection with the Royal Hongkong Golf Club's junior championship is advertised to-day.

A Chinese mendicant was knocked down by a tram car in Des Voeux Road West yesterday. He was sent to the Government Civil Hospital, where he subsequently died.

A very attractive calendar illustrating old Windsor Castle has been issued by Messrs Huntley and Palmers, biscuit manufacturers, the agent for whom is Mr. Wallace Farley of Shanghai.

A grand concert by the Hongkong male voice choir and several other well-known artists is to be given by St. Andrew's Church Men's Association in the Church Hall to-morrow night in aid of the Seamen's Institute.

Sixteen Chinese members of the crew of the s.s. "Arcadia," struck in Honolulu on January 16 but were released permission to land by the Hawaiian authorities. They returned to the vessel rather than continue to eat "poi" in the Honolulu jail.

Tient-in will send a hockey team for the Easter holidays says a Shanghai paper while a Hongkong regimental team will also be seen in action here probably at the same time, making, possibly a China championship. If Hongkong cannot send the army team here at Easter, the men will come some time next month.

The application of an American lawyer for the release of F. C. Tonz, convicted for obtaining money under false pretences, on the ground that the Shanghai District Court had no jurisdiction, has been denied. The Court ruled that in accordance with the provisions of the criminal code, an accused in a criminal case is subject to the jurisdiction of the court in the district where he resides. Since Tonz resided in the Kung Yih Lee alleyway off Chapei and the arrest was effected therein, the Court held that it had jurisdiction.

"BOYCOTT."

WHERE THE WORD COMES FROM.

The word "boycott" is a famous instance of a nickname getting into the dictionary and staying there both as a noun and as a verb. In the troublous times in Ireland, in the early eighties of the last century, a Captain Boycott, land agent to Lord Erne, found himself in conflict with his employer's Irish tenants. For they refused to gather in Lord Erne's crops. The matter was finally settled by a party of Orangemen from the North, who gathered in the crops and took Captain Boycott with them to a place of safety. But the name of the captain was applied in the process of ostracising a person, putting him beyond the pale, so to speak.

The boycott is especially developed as a weapon of offence or defense among the Chinese, who employed it to some extent many centuries before Captain Boycott had his controversy with Lord Erne's tenants. Recent events have indicated, in the course of the controversy between China and Japan, that the boycott is destined to play an important part in the ultimate solution of what is known as the Far Eastern question. For in China the boycott is in a peculiar sense an expression of public opinion.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN THE "MAIL."

ENTERTAINMENTS.

February 7.—Coronet Theatre: Doris Keane in "Romance." World Theatre: Anna Case in "The Hidden Truth." Kowloon Theatre: Cabaret Dance.

February 8.—Star Theatre: Bandman's Eastern Circuit Ltd., present Kato's Royal Hawaiian Troubadours.

February 10.—Theatre Royal: The Great Australian Theatrical firm, J. O. Williamson Ltd. present their Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Company. Opening Performance "The Gondoliers."

February 12.—Theatre Royal: Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Co., "Trial By Jury" and "H.M.S. Pinafore."

February 13.—Theatre Royal: Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Co., "Pirates of Penzance."

February 14.—Theatre Royal: Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Co., "The Yeoman of the Guard."

February 15.—Theatre Royal: Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Co., "Iolanthe."

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

February 7.—Lammert Bros., a quantity of cast and wrought iron pipes, at the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd. Warehouse, 11 a.m.

SPORTING EVENT.

February 17.—Hongkong Football Association Interclub Game, Hongkong v. Shanghai. Kick-off 4 p.m.

February 17.—Hongkong Football Association Interclub Game, South China v. Shanghai. Kick-off 4 p.m.

February 19.—St. Andrew's Church Men's Association Annual Marathon Race at 4 p.m.

February 23.—First day of Jockey Club's race meeting.

March 1.—Second day of Jockey Club's race meeting.

March 2.—Third day of Jockey Club's race meeting.

March 3.—Fourth day of Jockey Club's race meeting.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

February 10.—Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., annual general meeting at Hongkong Hotel, 10.30 a.m.

February 10.—China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., 26th ordinary annual meeting of shareholders at St. George's Building 6 Connaught Road, 11 a.m.

February 13.—Hongkong and Canton, Macao Steamboat Co., meeting at Co.'s office 6, Des Voeux Road, noon.

February 13.—34th ordinary meeting of the Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd., Victoria Buildings, at 11.30 a.m.

February 15.—Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., 18th annual meeting, Dodwell and Co.'s offices, 11.30 a.m.

February 20.—38th Annual meeting of shareholders of Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., at noon.

FLOWER SHOW.

February 22.—Annual flower and vegetable show of the Hongkong Horticultural Society.

Captain A. Fleming, formerly in command of the Pacific Mail liner Ecuador, arrived in Shanghai on the "President" Wilson, to be assigned there as a pilot.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

SELECTED DEPARTURES.

CHINA COAST, ETC.

Feb. 7.—O.S.E. Batavia Maru.
Feb. 7.—O.S.N. Takasago.
Feb. 7.—O.S.N. Sunning.
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SHANGHAI.

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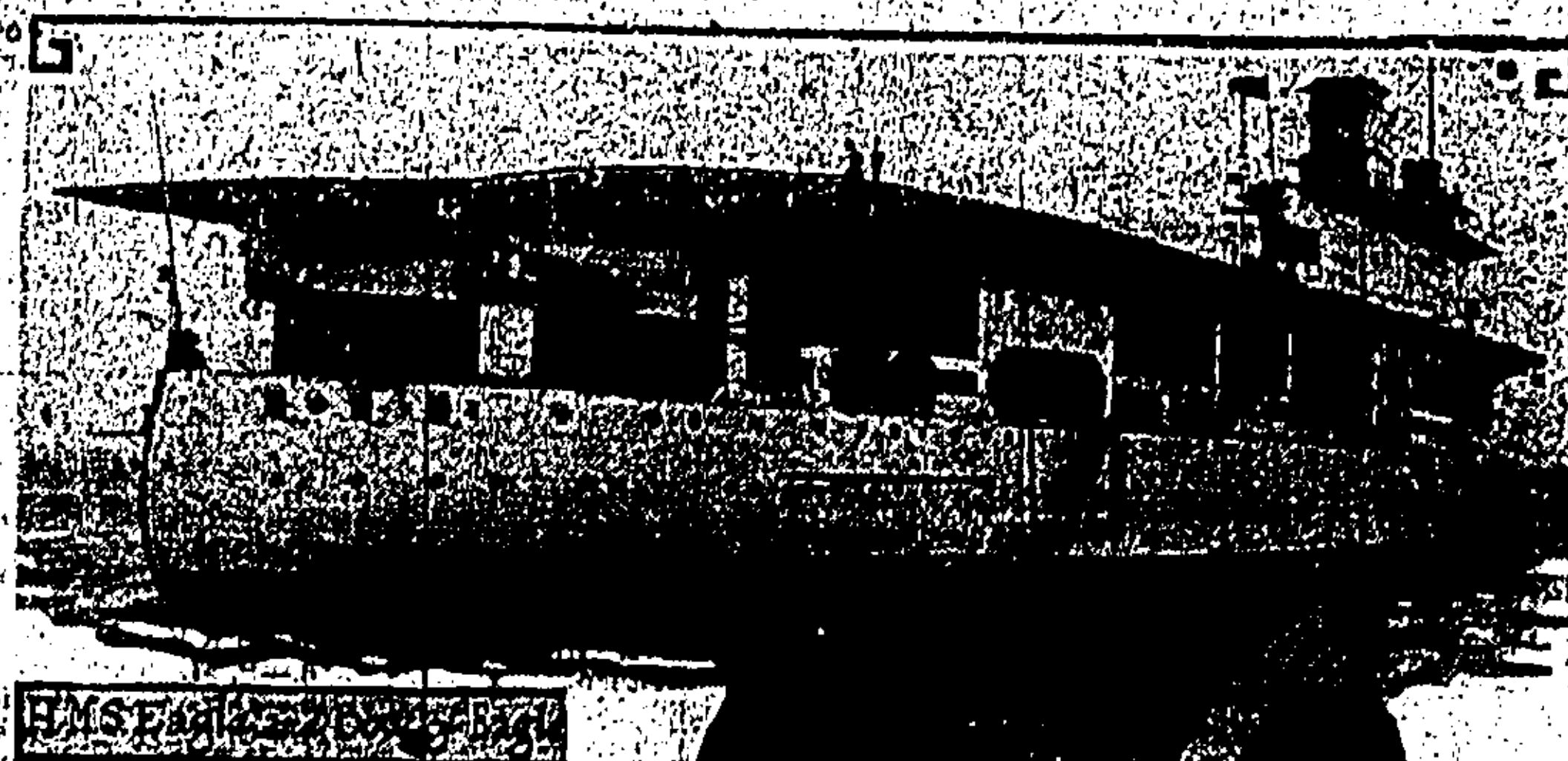
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Some of the huge fleet of United States destroyers built during the war to combat the submarine menace. They are now out of commission.



H. M. S. "Eagle", Britain's latest aeroplane-carrying battleship, is equipped with a flat deck, from which aeroplanes can take off and land at will.



Albert Thomas, Director of the International Labour Office of the League of Nations, and a prominent French Labour Chief.



Youngest pursuer on an American vessel. He did not go to sea until he was 19 and now at 22 holds a record for rapid promotions. He is on the liner "President Van Buren."



Dr. Arthur Bernades. Thirty years ago Dr. Arthur Bernades was an obscure grocer's clerk in a little Brazilian village. Now he has been elected President of Brazil and will soon take the oath of office.



Railway levelcrossing watchman, who is an expert needle man.



Newspaper proof-reader who became the secret bride of John T. Dawson, millionaire manufacturer, who settled \$100,000 on her on their wedding day.



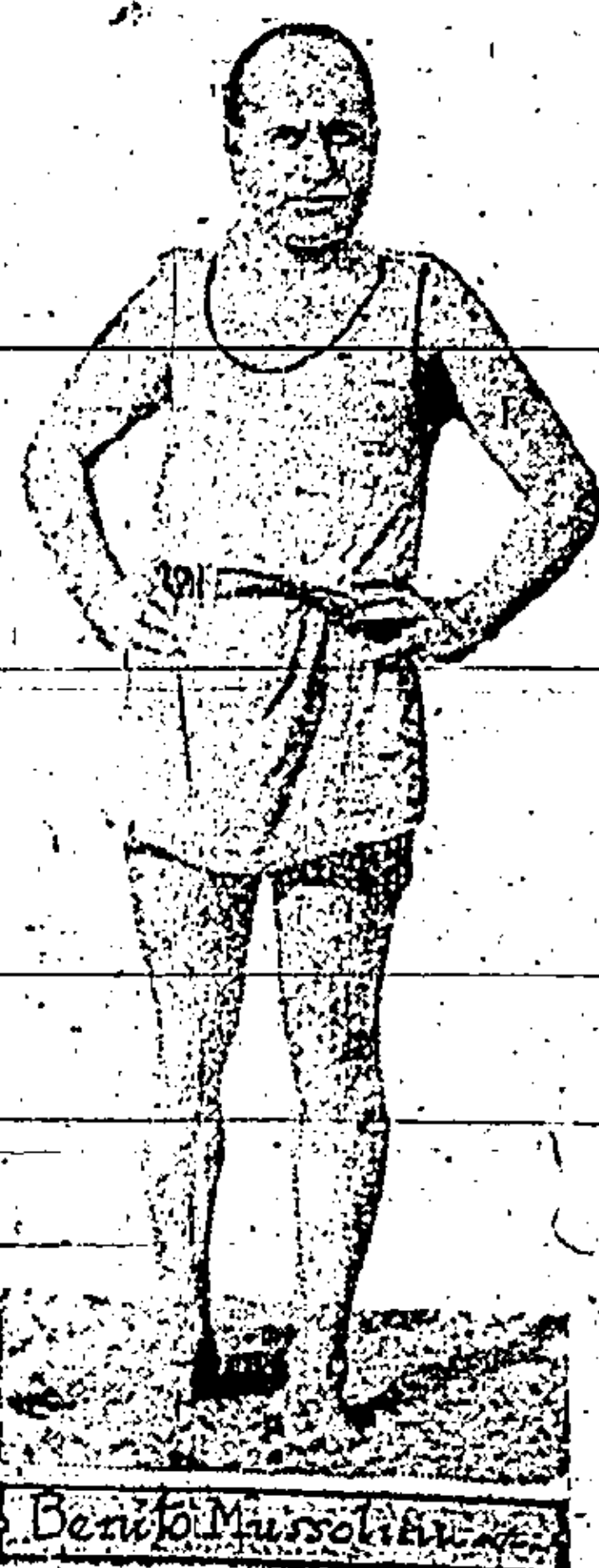
Sir Eric Geddes, brother of Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador to the United States. Formerly Minister of Transport, Sir Eric is now in the City.



Miss Margaret Anne Stewart, who has been working for the Y. M. C. A. for two years in Constantinople, aiding refugees, was disabled on duty and had to be brought back home by her brother, Dr. George Stewart.



John Wannamaker, American merchant prince, formerly U. S. Postmaster General, died recently at Philadelphia.



Benito Mussolini, Fascist Premier of Italy, is a superb swimmer and keeps himself in physical condition in the water.



This unique memorial has been unveiled at Folkestone, from which point hundreds of thousands of British Tommies embarked for the battlefield in Flanders fields.



This little four-year-old daughter of Princess Hermine of Reuss, second wife of the German ex-Kaiser, is called "The Sunshine of Doorn Castle."



Sailing for England on the liner "Hameric", after a business trip to America. Sir Thomas Lipton declared he would keep pegging away for the America's Cup until one of his Shamrock yachts had won it.



General John J. Pershing is shown talking into a radio transmitter broadcasting his speech on "The Army as an Assurance of Peace."

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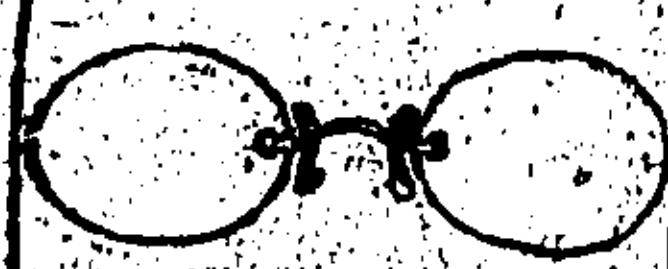
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